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SITUATION REPORT 3-62, AS OF 250400Z OCTOBER 1962.

OPERATION SCABBARDS.

1. INTELLIGENCE.

A. INTERNATIONAL REACTION

(1) MILITARY REACTION

A POSSIBLE SUBMARINE, EVALUATED NOT FRIENDLY, WAS DETECTED AT 240945Z APPROXIMATELY 225 MILES EAST OF PALM BEACH TRAINING CTG 44.3 IN USS CAMBRIA.

(2) POLITICAL AND PRESS REACTIONS.

(A) ZORIN'S UN SPEECH EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRESENT CRISIS EXISTED BETWEEN US AND CUBA AND REFLECTED A SOVIET DESIRE TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF A DIRECT SOVIET-US CONFRONTATION. THIS APPROACH IS CALCULATED TO CREATE

A CLIMATE

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A CLIMATE FOR A US REVERSAL OF QUARANTINE, TO MINIMIZE THE THREAT TO THE US, AND TO REDUCE TENSIONS AMONG SOVIET BLOC MASSES.

(B) POLISH REGIME PLAYING CUBAN CRISIS IN LOW KEY TO AVOID PANIC AND STRAIN ON LOW FOODSTOCKS. MILITARY FORCES ALERTED BUT NO EVIDENT INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY.

(C) BRAZIL BACKED OFF SOMEWHAT FROM HER SUPPORT OF ARMS QUARANTINE TO ADD "BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT LEND ITS SUPPORT TO THE USE OF FORCE WHICH MAY VIOLATE AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND PLACE WORLD PEACE IN JEOPARDY."

(D) THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT OF FULL SUPPORT FOR THE "JUST STAND OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT."

(E) BECAUSE WESTERN JOURNALISTS HAVE COMPARED US-CUBAN SITUATION TO USSR-TURKEY SITUATION, TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER URGES INCREASING AND EXPEDITING US MILITARY AID "DESPERATELY NEEDED" BEFORE SOVIETS PUT SPECIAL PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO ELIMINATE US INSTALLATIONS.

(3) INDICTIONS

(A) IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE, VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE DAY SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIET BLOC INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH EXTREME CAUTION, AT LEAST IN RESPONSE TO EVENTS THUS FAR. THIS INDICTION IS SUPPORTED BY THE COMPARITIVELY MILD STATEMENTS BY ZORIN IN THE UN, THE PROPOSAL BY PEIPING FOR A SINO-INDIAN SUMMIT TALK, THE LACK OF ANY SOVIET MOVE TO EVACUATE DEPENDENTS IN EAST GERMANY AN ELSEWHERE, AND THE TELEGRAM SENT BY KRUSHCHEV TO BERTRAM RUSSELL.

2. DEPLOYMENTS

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2. DEPLOYMENTS AND STATUS OF FORCES

A. LANT

(1) CINCLANTFLT HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING QUARANTINE:

(A) 12 STATIONS ON AN ARC 500 MILES FROM CAPE MAY SI BETWEEN 27-30N 75-00W AND 20-00N 65-00W WILL BE MANNED BY 12 DESTROYERS OF TF 136.

(B) IN ADDITION TO THE 12 DESTROYERS STATIONS ON THE QUARANTINE ARC; THE ESSEX WITH 4-DD, THE NEWPORT NEWS WITH 2 DD AND THE CANBERRA WITH 2 DD WILL CONDUCT ADDITIONAL PATROLS.

(C) AIRCRAFT FROM BERMUDA AND ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO WILL CONDUCT DAYLIGHT SEARCHES TO THE EAST OF THE QUARANTINE ARC.

(D) QUARANTINE TASK ORGANIZATION AS FOLLOWS:

CTF 136 COMSECONDFLT IN NEWPORT NEWS

CTF 136.1 SURFACE BLOCKADE GROUP

(COMCRUDESFLT-6)

1 CAG, 1 CA, 16 DD

CTG 136.2 ANSW-AIR SURVEILLANCE GROUP

ESSEX (COMCARDIV-18), 4 DD

CTG 136.3 LOGISTIC SUPPORT (CO ELOKO-

MIN AO-55) 2 AO, 1 AE, 3 DD

ADDITIONAL LAND BASED PATROL AIRCRAFT BEING PROVIDED BY COMASWFORLANT FROM BERMUDA AND ROOS ROAD.

(2) ALL SUBMARINES IN PORT DESIGNATED FOR DEPLOYMENT ARE COMPLETING LOAD-OUT. CHOPPER HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO MAYPORT. TROUT, SEA LION, CUTLASS DETACHED AND PROCEEDING HOME PORTS. BALAO, ATULE, THREADFIN, SPIKEFISH DIVERTED FROM CHASN TO NORVA. ALL NATIONALIZED UNITS AT SEA EARMARKED FOR DEPLOYMENT RETURNING TO

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PORT FOR LOAD-OUT, SUBMARINE TENDER PROTEUS IS DISPERSING TO CLYDE OP AREA.

(3) THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONS TO THE GUANTANAMO BASE DEFENSE FORCE SINCE THE LAST REPORT. THE CVAS ENTERPRISE AND INDEPENDENCE HAVE TAKEN UP PATROL POSITIONSSOUTH OF CUBA VICN18N AND 75.5W. PHIBGRU 4 AND PHIBRONS 6, 10 AND 12 WITH 1/6, 2/6, 3/8 AND 3/2 MARINES BOARD ARE LOCATING AT THE ELEUTHRA ASSEMBLY AREA VIC 27N-76W. PHIBRON 2 IS LOADING 2/8 MARINES AT MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. NO DEPARTURE TIME HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

(4) AFLANT STATUS OF FORCES

LOCATION	UNIT	TYPE AIRCRAFT	NUMBER
HOMESTEAD AFB	31 TFW	F-100	64
	474 TFW	F-100	42

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HOMESTEAD AFB	401 TFW	F-100	56
	CCTW	F-100	17
	482 FIS	F-102	36
			TOTAL 215

KEY WEST	479 TFW	F-104	30
	MAG	F-3H	10
	MAG	F-8U	4
	VFAW-3	F-4D	8
	VF-41	F-4H	14

MACDILL AFB	836 AE IV	F-84F	95
	27 TFW	F-100	60
	CCTW		
	622 ARS	KB-50	20
	363 TRW	RF-101	28
		RB-66B	18
			TOTAL 221

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SHAW AFB	363 TRW	WB-66C	TOTAL -6
MCCOY AFB	354 TFW	F-100	65
	CCTW	F-100	
	4505 ARW	KB-50	20
	4 TFW	F-105	65
~	996 AEW	RC-121	12
			TOTAL 162
PATRICK AFB	48 FIS RECAP	F-106	TOTAL 24
	FTRS & INTCPM	590	
	TANKERS	40	
	REECE	52	
	AEW	12	
		TOTAL 694	
(5) ARMY UNITS COMMITTED TO OPLAN			
314-316			

UNITS	HOME STATIONS	STAGING AREA	PRESENT LOCATION
82D ABN DIV	FORT BRAGG	MCDILL/OPLA-LOCKA	HOME STA.
101ST ABN DIV	FT. CAMPBELL	MCCOY/PATRICK	" "
BBDE1ST INF DIV	FT. RILEY	MCDILL	" "
BGTF 1ST INF DIV	FT. RILEY	MCCOY	HOME STA
COD/66TH LT TKCO	FT. CAMPBELL	MCDILL	" "
1/92 FA BN	FT. BRAGG	MCDILL	" "
2/11TH FA BN	FT. CAMPBELL	MCCOY/PATRICK	" "
		SURFACE ECHELON	
BDE2D INF DIV (2			
BGTF)	FT. BENNING	NEW ORLEANS	HOME STA.
2/69TH MED TKBN	FT BENNING	SAVANNAH	MOVING TO STAGING AREA
54TH ARTY GP	FT. BRAGG	SAVANNAH	HOME STA.
2/17ARTYBN	FT. SILL	HAMPTON RDS	" "
2/31ARTYBN	FT. SILL	" "	" "
3/30ARTYBN	FT. SILL	" "	" "

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TASK FORCE CHARLIE

1ST BDE/1AST ARMDIV FT. HOOD

MOVING TO
STAGING AREA

1STBN81STARMD	FT. HOOD	1ST INC LAUDERDALE	" " "
1STBN52DINF	FT. HOOD	2ND INC "	" " "
1ST BN 6THARTY	FT. HOOD	3RD INC. "	" " "
3D BN6THARTY	FT. CHAFFEE	4TH INC NEW ORLEANS	" " "
B BTRY 1/73 ARTY	FT. HOOD	5TH INC LAUDERDALE	" " "
FIRE SUPPORT/DIV ARTY	FT. HOOD	6TH INC LAUDERDALE	" " "

NOTE: INCREMENTS INCLUDE ELEMENTS OF ALL UNITS
FLOATING RESERVE

HQ1STARMDIV(A)	FT. HOOD	FT STEWART, GA	HOME STATION
3D BDE 1ST ARMD	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
1BN6TH INF	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
2ND BN 46TH INF	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
DIV ARTY HQ(A)	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
4TH BN 13TH ARTY	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
BDE 2ND INFDIV (2BGTF)	FT BENNING	" "	" "

ON CALL STATUS

2DBDE1STARMDIV	FT. HOOD	FT. STEWART, GA.	HOME STA.
16TH ENG BN(A)	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
1ST BN13THARMD	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
1ST BN 46TH INF	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
2ND BN81STARMD	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
3RD BN19THARTY	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
3RD BN 2NDARTY	FT. HOOD	" "	" "
HQ 2DINFDIV	FT. BENNING	" "	" "
52DNARTYGP (A)	FT. SILL	" "	" "
8/3THMED TKBN	FT. KNOX	" "	" "
3/16TH FA BN	FT. BRAGG	" "	" "

(6) FLORIDA AIR DEFENSE FORCES

(A) 2D MSL BN, 52D ARTY (NIKE HERCULES)

MINUS ONE BTRY FROM FT BLISS TO MIAMI/HOMESTEAD

(B) 8TH BN 15TH ARTY (HAWK) FROM FT

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2 BTRY-HOMESTEAD AFB
1 BTRY-PATRICK AFB
1 BTRY-MACDILL AFB

UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 32D CONAD REGION UNDER
MONTGOMERY AIR DEFENSE SECTOR.

(7) FMFLANT HAS ACTIVATED 11 MED FOR PLAN-
NING AND EMBARKATION ON PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH HIS
OPLAN 316-62.

(8) CINCLANT AUTHORIZED TO ACTIVATE
JUWTF HQ AS SHOWN IN APPENDIX IV TO ANNEX Y TO CINCLANT-
OPLAN 314-61 AND 316-61.

B. STRICOM

(1) CINCSTRIKE RELEASED OPERATIONAL CONTROL TO
CINCONAD OF 52AD BN (-), GWD MISSILE REG T (NIKE HERCULES).
UNITS IS STATIONED AT FT. BLISS, TEX., AND IS MINUS ONE
BATTERY COMMITTED TO OPERATION HOLD CARD (JOHNSTON
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(2) IN ABSENCE OF AN IMMEDIATE REACTION FORCE (IRF) PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY 82D AND 101ST ABN DIVS, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS FCRCE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO 5TH INF DIV. (MECH). THE DIVISION IS REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE BRIGADE OF TWO ARMORED-INFANTRY BSN IN READY AND DEPLOYABLE STATUS. REMAINDER OF THE DIVISION IS CAPABLE OF DEPLOYING IN SIX DAYS.

(3) DEPARTMENT OF ARMY HAS CONFIRMED THAT NO ELMs OF 4 INF DIV AND 2 ARMD DIV ARE NOW COMMITTED TO CINCLANT OPLANS. THEREFORE DIVISION ARE AVAILABLE FOR RAPID REINFORCEMENT OF USEUCOM.

(4) 3RD MISSILE COMMAND, FT. BRAGG, PLACED UNDER OP CONTROL CINCLANT AND DIRECTED TO PROCEED TO HOMESTEAD AFB, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR ARLANT ADVANCE COMMAND POST.

C. PACOM

(1) CINCPAC HAS DIRECTED 1 TANKER, 1 REFRIGERATION SHIP AND 8 DD TO ESCORT AND PROVIDE LOG SUPPORT TO 5TH MED AMPHIBIOUS LIFT.

(2) CINCPAC HAS DIRECTED TRANSFER OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF TWO CONUS BASED MARINE AIR SQUADRONS EARMARKED FOR 5TM MEB TO CINCLANT.

D. CONAD

CINCONAD HAS COMPLETED DEPLOYMENT OF ALL FIGHTER-INTERCEPTORS. THERE ARE NOW 154 AIRCRAFT ON A FIVE MINUTE GROUND ALERT, 444 ON A 15 MINUTE ALERT, AND 446 AIRCRAFT ON A 1 TO 3 HOUR ALERT.

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OF THE ABOVE FORCE, CONAD HAS 154 INTERCEPTORS STATIONED IN FLORIDA UNDER HIS OPERATIONAL CONTROL. OF THESE, 26 ARE ON 5 MINUTE ALERT, 35 ARE ON A 15-MINUTE ALERT AND 55 ARE ON A ONE TO 3 HOURS ALERT. IN ADDITION 4 TO 11 AIRCRAFT ARE MAINTAINED ON AN AIR ALERT AROUND THE FLORIDA PENINSULA.

E. CINCARIB

THREE SPECIAL FORCES "A" DETACHMENTS, CONSISTING OF SPANISH SPEAKING PERSONNEL WILL DEPART CANAL ZONE FOR FORT BRAGG FOR SUBSEQUENT USE BY LANT.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

A. FAA ADMINISTOR, EFFECTIVE 1800 HOURS EST 24 OCT 62 RESTRICTED THE FLIGHT OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA, SOUTH OF A LINE RUNNING BETWEEN DAYTONA BEACH/OCALCA TO THE FLORIDA KEYS, IF THE AIRCRAFT IS NOT ON AN APPROVED MILITARY/FAA FLIGHT PLAN AND POSSESSES FUNCTIONING COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATION-EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN TWO-WAY CONTACT WITH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES.

B. CINCEUR INSTRUCTED SUBORDINATE COMMANDS TO PLACE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON COMPLETION OF PLANS IN SUPPORT OF HQ USEUCOM CONTINUITY OF OPERATION PLAN (COOP) AND POSITIONING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE SUCH PLANS.

4. LOGISTICS

A. AIRLIFT BY MATS OF THE GROUND ELEMENT OF THE MARINE AIR GROUP FROM CHERRY POINT, N.C. TO KEY WEST WAS COMPLETED 24 1410Z OCT 62.

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(3) B-47 DISPERSED (NON ALERT)	183
(4) B-47 ALERT	340
(5) B-58 ALERT	6
(6) ATLAS ALERT	93
(7) TITAL ALERT	46

(ASTERISK) SAC OBTAINED FORCE LEVEL 13 AT 250300Z (DEFCON 2
ESTABLISHED 24/1400Z)

B. PAC

(1) B-57 ALERT	11
(2) F-100 ALERT	50
(3) ASD ALERT	5
(4) A4D/F ALERT	16
(5) AD6-7 ALERT	8
(6) MACE ALERT	16
(7) REGULUS ALERT	4

C. LANT

(1) POLARIS ALERT 112

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(1) F-100 ALERT	27
(2) F-101 ALERT	9
(3) F-105 ALERT	15
(4) ASD/A3J ALERT	2
(5) A4D/FJ4 ALERT	4
(6) AD ALERT	4
(7) VALIANT ALERT	3
(8) F84F ALERT	10
(9) CANBERRA ALERT	4
(10) JUPITER ALERT	37
(11) MACE ALERT	48
 TOTAL A/C ALERT	879
TOTAL MSL ALERT	356
TOTAL ALERT	1235

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B. MOVEMENT BY AIR OF ELECTRONIC REFLECTOR EQUIPMENT FROM FT. BLISS TO HOMESTEAD WAS COMPLETED 241730Z OCT 62.

C. CINCLANT ADVISES THAT THE LAAM (HAWK BN) WHICH MATS IS MOVING FROM 29 PALMS TO CHERRY POINT WILL BE MOVED FROM CHERRY POINT TO GTMO UTILIZING ORGANIC AIR-LIFT OF THE 2ND MARINE AIR WING. THE LATTER MOVEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEING 25 OCTOBER WITH NO ESTIMATED DATE OF CLOSURE.

D. MATS IS PERFORMING AIRLIFT OF 16 M-42 TRACKED VEHICLES WITH MOUNTED GUNS, TRAILERS, TRUCKS AND AMMO FROM BRIGGS AFB TO HOMESTEAD AFB. THIS EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF 19 C-133 AND 1 C-121 SORTIES. ESTIMATED CLOSURE OF THIS MOVEMENT IS 261330Z.

5. SINOP ALERT POSTURE AS OF 240400Z

A. SAC (ASTERISK)

(1) 1/8 AIRBORNE ALERT (B-62)
(2) B-52 GROUND ALERT

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